

# Summerland Middle School



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade Eight Students:

## **Re: Apex Ski Days**

Teachers will be taking students to Apex Alpine Resort for the **Grade 8 Ski Program** as part of our Outdoor Education and Advisory Program at Summerland Middle School. The program provides our students with an opportunity to:

- Learn to ski / improve technique with mandatory professional instruction
- Reinforce safe skiing practices
- Co-operate, work together and help each other
- Have fun with their peers

Our ski dates have been booked for Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please find the applicable price package for your child below. ***Pricing is on a per trip basis.***

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| A) Lesson / bus / *                    | <b>\$20</b> |
| B) Lesson / bus / lift ticket          | <b>\$35</b> |
| C) Lesson / bus / rental / *           | <b>\$40</b> |
| D) Lesson / bus / rental / lift ticket | <b>\$50</b> |

\* *Student has season's pass*

*Please note that this field trip is intended as an enhancement to the curriculum. As such, attendance is optional and students will not be assessed for the field trip experience. It is also our policy that a student fee will be waived for financial hardship reasons. In this case, please telephone or write a note to the school principal or your child's teacher. Students who do not participate in this field trip will be able to attend classes at school.*

Please review the following pages and ***submit the signed permission form with full payment by February 6th:***

- **Information notice (Blue)**
- **Parent Permission / Medical Information / Rental / Chaperone form (Pink)**
- **Assumption of Risks form (White)**

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## **SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM 2008**

### **General Information**

- Helmets are mandatory. The rental shop will provide a free helmet if required.
- Each student must take the lesson each day of the program.
- Students will be leaving the school at 8:00 am and will arrive back at the school at approximately 4:30 pm. Please be at the school to pick them up at 4:30pm.
- Students must carry identification while they are skiing.(i.e. Student card or Care Card).
- There are no refunds except for medical reasons with a doctor's certificate submitted to program prior to commencement. Once the program has started, there are no refunds. This is a stipulation by APEX Mountain Resort. (250-292-8222).
- Students will travel by school bus.

### **Skiing Regulations**

- See Apex Mountain's Assumptions of Risks notice
- No student shall ski on any part of the hill unless in the company of another skier; skiing alone is strictly forbidden.
- No person shall ski out of bounds. If they are caught out of bounds they will no longer be allowed to continue to ski and there are no refunds.
- Students will be required to check in at lunchtime in the lunchroom.

### **Suggestions**

- It is recommended that each student bring an extra large lunch and a thermos of hot chocolate or soup. There is a lunchroom. Students may also purchase a lunch from the cafeteria.
- Long underwear, 2 pairs of warm socks, ski pants and/or warm up pants, a heavy sweater, a warm jacket, toque and warm mitts should be worn.
- We will do everything possible to provide a safe and valuable experience for the students, but it must be emphasized that the students have the responsibility to use common sense about their safety and that of others.